

SENATE TAKES UP PLAN TO CURB THE CLOTHING PROFITEERS

I am trying to get all the bodies and individuals together to decide upon a line of action and appoint executives to carry it out.

A special session of the Legislature to pass laws applicable to the food situation was urged upon Gov. Smith by Abraham L. Elkus and Henry Moskowitz, members of the State Reconstruction Committee. They told the Governor they had found themselves handicapped by statutory limitations which prevent the application of remedial measures. Gov. Smith did not commit himself on the subject of a special session.

The first official round-up in New York of profiteers is to be made today against hoarders of sugar, who are reported to be holding large quantities at 13 1/2 cents, one having 2,000 tons.

The sugar shortage is not only interfering with housewives' cooking operations. As soon as food administrator Arthur Williams heard thousands of tons were being hoarded here, he called in the secret Service and notified the Federal District Attorney. It is probable the sugar will be seized and offered to the public at normal price. Sugar sells at wholesale at 11 cents, and the extreme price the government has prescribed is 12 cents a pound.

Mr. Williams has sent word to all sugar dealers in the city that he would expect them to report to him immediately any offers similar to the 13 1/2 cent one that might be made to them.

The police, acting on Mayor Hylan's order, today began collecting evidence against profiteering with a view to reporting to the District Attorney for prosecution.

GOVERNOR SMITH GETS EGG TRADE REPORT.

The report on the egg trade of the New York State Reconstruction Commission of which Abraham L. Elkus is chairman was presented to Gov. Smith today, through Thomas V. Patterson of Brooklyn, chairman of the Food Committee. The committee urges the adoption of an egg law which will conform to the action of the National Poultry, Butter and Eggs Association, the Federal Department of Agriculture and the State Food and Drug Commissioners. These laws define that eggs fit for human food, require candling before each sale and make provision for uniform regulation of establishments dealing in broken eggs for use as frozen, desiccated eggs on the one hand and for manufacturing purposes on the other.

The commission holds that the high price of eggs is caused by the conditions of the egg trade by which country store dealers are obliged to accept from farmers collections of eggs which include those good and bad in quality in order to keep the farmer's "bunker," the middlemen are under the same obligations to the storekeepers and the cost of spoiled and broken eggs is passed along to the wholesaler, who passes it to the retailer and the consumer.

Under the proposed laws the farmer will be obliged to dispose of his eggs while they are still of good quality and will be encouraged to better breeding of chickens and better care of his product.

Egg breaking establishments, under the accompanying law, will be supervised to prevent the use of eggs in bakeries or in preserving houses which are not fit for food.

Deputy Market Commissioner Edwin O'Malley, who placed with the Government yesterday the city order for army foodstuffs to be sold at cost, said that this was only a forerunner, and that the second order would be placed today and followed by others, so long as the Government has the commodities to sell.

While at present there is no army ham in the New York City zone, Mr. O'Malley said that he had received assurance from Washington that the 1,000,000 pounds of ham called for would be supplied from other sources. This probably will mean that the ham will not be available next Monday, when the other foods are to be placed on sale.

SALES TO BE MADE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The sales stations are all to be in the public schools, and 55 schools in Brooklyn, 25 in Manhattan, 45 in the Bronx, 25 in Queens and 10 in Richmond have been selected for this purpose. Two public officials will be bonded and given charge of the financial arrangements at each station, while volunteer committees are being organized in each district to assist the two city employees.

The quantities which any person may buy have not been limited, but precautions will be taken to see that the foods are not purchased by dealers, who might sell them at a profit.

A thousand Customs House employees this afternoon bought army food from the supply especially ordered for them. There was not

FAIR FOOD PRICES FOR CITY AND WHAT RETAILERS CHARGE

Three Widely Separated Sections Show Marked Divergence in Cost to Consumer.

	Fair Price	Price in Washington Market	Price in Long Island City	Price in Long Island City
Dried beans	18-15	None	14-15	09-12
Rice	15	None	12-15	14-17
Oatmeal	07	None	06-09	05-09
Corn meal	07	None	07	07-10
Flour	20-25	None	07-09	08-11
Sugar	10-11	None	11	11
Tomatoes, No. 2 cans	12	14	12-15	10-15
Corn, No. 2 cans	10-10	16	13-18	15-19
Peas, No. 2 cans	10-10	16	12-15	15-17
Salmon No. 1 tall pink Alaska	27-28	None	22-25	10-15
Hot butter	28-31	32	27-35	32-35
American whole chickens	35-40	30-45	35-42	41-45
Fresh eggs	24-28	25-34	27-37	28-35
Potatoes	04-05	05	05-07	05-07
Onions	3 1/2-4 1/2	5 1/2-10	04-05	03-08
Chuck steak	32-34	None	23-25	28-32
Cut cross ribs	45-45	None	35-40	36-38
Steak beef	38-44	30-35	39-39	35-45
Stir-fry steak	36-38	40	38-45	40-45
Top round	40-42	45	40-45	40-45
Bottom round	38-40	40	40-45	39-39
Prime rib roast	37-39	40	32-34	32-35
Lep of lamb	37-40	40	32-38	35-39
Loin chops	40-45	45	35-40	40-45
Shoulder chops	34-37	35	35-37	33-38
Brisket	37-40	40	35-38	35-38
Stew lamb	22-24	25-28	15-20	20-23
Chucks	26-29	25-28	20-25	23-25
Smoked hams	44-45	46	40-45	44-46
Smoked shoulders	41-43	38-45	32-37	35-39
Bacon	47-50	40-48	30-34	37-40
Pork chops (end)	44	40	40-42	39-45
Pork chops (middle)	48	42	48-55	40-46

The Evening World today continued its comparison of retail food prices with the prices declared by the Food Administration to be fair. Both ends of Manhattan were investigated. Figures were taken in the Washington Market and in the Washington Heights district. Another investigation was made in Long Island City.

Prices in many instances were higher than those approved by the Food Administration. But in other cases, especially in the cheaper cuts of meats, it was shown that the law

enough of it to give each man as much as he wanted, but they expect to get more. Every buyer had to furnish his own wrapping paper and twine and carry away what he bought. Prevailing prices were: Trimmed bacon, 25 cents; corned beef, 15; ham, 25; pork and beans, 5 cents a can.

BROOKLYN TO PROCEED CRIMINALLY AGAINST PROFITEERS. District Attorney Lewis of Brooklyn is taking active steps to proceed criminally against food profiteers. In a letter today to Gov. Smith the prosecutor stated that such evidence would be submitted to a grand jury, and that his office would take steps to co-operate with the State and Federal authorities.

Commenting on his letter to the Governor, the Kings County District Attorney said his investigation would be as thorough as he can make it. "We shall start with the retailer," he said, "and out where he gets his supplies, how much he pays for them and what his margin of profit is."

"Then we'll start with the wholesaler's source of supplies, the middleman, learn the source of his supplies, the price he pays and his margin of profit. We'll go up the line, this inquiry will go to the very source. In the end we hope to find out who it is that is gouging the people."

Instructions regarding the distribution by parcel post of War Department food supplies have been received by Postmaster Burton of Brooklyn. He ordered the heads of the Post Office stations and substations to formulate plans for the distribution. He will announce tomorrow the points from which the distribution will be made and the methods to be used.

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State Law Needed to Compel Plain Price Marking on Hoarded Food.

Federal Attorneys in New Jersey today called on Gov. Runyon of that State to issue immediately a call for a special session of the Legislature to deal with food hoarders and profiteers. The call, in a formal statement, bore the signatures of United States District Attorney Joseph L. Bodine and his first assistant, Samuel A. Kessler.

Department of Justice investigators, who have been busy in several parts of the State all week, notably in Newark and Jersey City, have found that the New Jersey laws are deficient as checks on profiteering. They reported to the Federal Attorneys, at a conference in Newark last night, that food in great quantities is stored in warehouses there, and while the dates when the commodities were

of demand (without much regard to supply) had forced the prices even lower than "fair." Butchers said that some cuts listed by the Food Administrator were simply unsalable and had to be thrown away.

In the Washington Market, where prices frequently were found higher than those of Long Island City or upper Manhattan, there were complaints about the government list. Dealers holding that the Food Administrator had failed to take into account a number of loss factors, such as shrinkage and necessary waste.

placed in storage are on record the existing laws could not be made effective unless the retail market price which prevailed at the date of storing also were noted upon the containers.

Gov. Runyon is asked to have the State legislators amend the existing Warehouse Act so as to require the marking of the prevailing price of food at the time of storing.

Later today it is expected the Federal Attorneys will announce what course they will pursue under the Federal statutes against profiteers and hoarders. The department agents have evidence along this line, but to date the attorneys have not decided whether to go into court at once and file a criminal information against the persons accused or to wait until the Federal Grand Jury meets next month.

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Wires Attorney General for Co-Operation to Punish Profiteers Under Federal or State Laws.

Gov. Smith this afternoon telegraphed to Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, at Washington, asking for his co-operation in an effort to bring about a reduction in the price of milk in New York, and to punish any person or corporation guilty of any offense under the laws of the United States or the State of New York. "The telegram says: 'Inasmuch as milk is coming into New York City from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Vermont, New Hampshire and Connecticut, the commission that I have appointed needs help from your department through the interstate commerce laws. I respectfully request that your department co-operate with us in our effort to bring about a reduction in the price. To that end I urgently ask that you detail at once one of your staff to assist in an inquiry into all of the facts of the matter.'

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The dead man was Lawrence F. McMahon, No. 379 North Street, Newark, formerly a city fireman.

TWO DROWNED AND MILLIONS IN LOSS IN DELAWARE STRIKE.

WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 14.—Lashed by a sixty-mile gale and pounded by numerous cloudbursts last night, Delaware today estimated its losses at \$2,000,000. Scores of vessels along the shores today, tossed up by the high winds. Two men were drowned on a barge.

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Flatbush Light May Be Shut Off To-Night.

Forty-eight men of the Repair department of the Flatbush Gas Company at No. 1004 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, went on strike today for an increase of \$1 a day. The men include fitters, joiners, plumbers and helpers. They want \$2 for fitters, \$1 for joiners and plumbers and \$1 for helpers, and the abolishing of the grading system. The men say the company offered them 5 cents a day increase.

They say that forty-six gas makers at the Neotrad Avenue and Clarkson Street plant will join the strikers tomorrow, leaving Flatbush without gas. The company offered them a 5-cent increase.

ENGLAND FACES RAIL STRIKE

Engineers and Firemen Present Demands—65,000 Involved.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—A demand for speedy settlement of their wage disputes, which was construed as being in the nature of an ultimatum, was made today by the locomotive engineers and firemen upon Sir Auckland Geddes, British Minister of Reconstruction. About 65,000 men are involved.

The letter forwarded by the railway men's executive today declares that unless progress toward a settlement is made during the interview with Sir Auckland, which they demand shall take place tomorrow, it is feared the leaders will be unable longer to restrain their men from taking action.

Fishermen's Strike Settled.

BOSTON, Aug. 14.—The fishermen's strike which started early in July was settled today and vessels tied up for weeks will resume the fishing grounds to-night and to-morrow.

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Took Part in Noted Feud in Which 100 Were Killed.

(Special to The World.)

LEXINGTON, Ky., Aug. 14.—"Devil Anse" Hatfield, eighty-four years old, last surviving active member of this clan in the noted Hatfield-McCoy feud in the eighties, is dying at his home in Eastern Kentucky, according to word from there today.

He professed Christianity several years ago and has since lived very quietly. More than 100 men, women and children were slain during the Hatfield-McCoy feud and at one time the States of West Virginia and Kentucky were at war's edge because the Governor of West Virginia would not surrender members of the Hatfield clan to Kentucky. The feud started over disputed ownership of a few "pasture" boys, so legend says.

PREACHER STAYS OUT LATE.

William Turner, the evangelist, who was arrested recently at Eighth Avenue and 41st Street for preaching after 11 o'clock at night, was convicted on a disorderly conduct charge by Magistrate Tobias in Jefferson Market Court this morning. Sentence was suspended.

Evidence showed that workmen who live in the vicinity of his out-pour pulpit had complained that he had them awake by late sermons. The police had previously notified him to cease his exhortations at 11 o'clock, but he paid no attention to the order and his arrest followed.

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